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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

INVENTORS : Paola Lavermicocca et al.  
APPLICATION NO. : Unassigned  
FILED : June 2, 2006  
FOR : TABLE OLIVES CONTAINING PROBIOTIC  
MICROORGANISMS  
EXAMINER : Unassigned  
GROUP : Unassigned

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir or Madame:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.**